



## PART 6: DISTRACTED by SOVEREIGNTY

### Exodus 3.1-4.17

When Moses stopped long enough to listen...

- Distraction led to direction
- Curiosity led to calling
- Fire led to freedom
- Miracle led to a mission.

#### Exodus 3.1-4

1. The angel of the LORD appeared unto him...

Moses came face-to-face with Christ Himself and heard Him speak the words of God.

2. He appeared in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush – a fire that did not consume (3.2)

**Heb. 12.29** *Our God is a consuming fire.*

But the fire of God does not always consume.

- Exodus 13 – Conducted
  - Exodus 19 – Concealed
  - Acts 2 – Confirmed
3. God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses." (3.4)
  4. Moses answered, "Here am I." (3.4)

Moses immediately began to make excuses.

1. **Attraction (3.11)** – The people won't know me.

**God's answer (3.12):**

*"I will be with you. As a token, I will bring you right back to this very mountain (Mt. Sinai)."*

2. **Authority (3.13)** – The people won't respect me.

**God's answer (3.14)**

*"You tell them that I AM (YHWH – I will be) has sent you."*



**Psalm 90:2** *...from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.*

**John 8:58** *Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.***

3. **Authenticity (4.1)** – The people will doubt me.

**God's answer:**

*"Here are three miracles that you will perform – first to the elders of Israel and then before Pharaoh himself – to authenticate the authority that you represent."*

- a. **Rod (4.2)** *Represented God's authority over sin*
- b. **Hand (4.6)** *Represented God's authority over flesh.*
- c. **Water (4.9)** *Represented God's authority over the world.*

God may give you some sign of confirmation of His calling, but you may not get it until after you are on the field of action.

4. **Ability (4.10)** The people won't understand me.

**Acts 7:22** *And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.*

**God's answer (4.11-17)**

God saved us because He loves us, but He saved us on purpose and for a purpose.

**Eph. 2:10** *...we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

**Matt. 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

God is not inviting Moses to go to Egypt – He is commanding him to go.

Only after Moses took that first step toward Egypt did he experience a peace and a power that could only have come from the Father and only after Moses responded obediently.